

The Office of Childhood was established on August 28, 2021.
This new office provides a comprehensive approach to childhood care and education in Missouri.

Home Visiting

Maternal, Infant, & Early Childhood Home Visiting & Maternal Child Health Block Grant

795 Households Served	3,581 Total Visits
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Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention

854 Households Served	3,193 Total Visits
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Missouri Parents as Teachers*

27,615 Households Served	83,052 Total Visits
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* DESE School-District Based. Data reported from July 1 - December 4, 2021.

Outreach & Professional Development

10,815

Stakeholders Received the Monthly Childhood Connections Newsletter

View Archived Newsletters on the [Outreach web page](#).



150+
Live Attendees per Monthly Preschool Development Grant B-5 Stakeholder Webinar

691
New Trainings for Clock Hours Available on the Missouri Workshop Calendar

49,843
Visits to Early Connections Website

Missouri's Early Care & Education
Connections

Early Intervention

4,572 Referrals to First Steps	10,051 Children Receiving Services
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Children Served (by Service Type)

3,991 Speech-Language Pathology	3,315 Occupational Therapy
3,205 Special Instruction	2,589 Physical Therapy
869 Assistive Technology	629 Dietary/Nutrition Services

Quality Initiatives

921
Child Care Providers Received Inclusion Training

3,600+
Onsite Consultations Provided in Child Care Programs

Kindergarten Entry Assessment Pilot

849
Children Assessed

58%
Ready for Kindergarten Overall



Quality Assurance Report Pilot

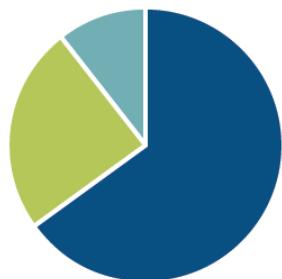
87
Classrooms Assessed

85%
Of Classrooms Assessed Demonstrated Improvement

Child Care Subsidy

2,082

Contracted Providers



1,324

Licensed Providers

499

Registered Providers

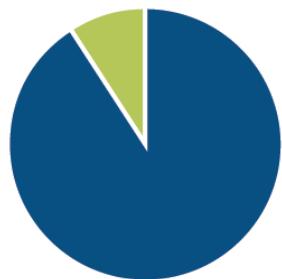
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License-Exempt Providers

State-Funded Preschools

186

Public Preschool Programs



169

School Districts

17

Charter Schools

Child Care Licensing

2,985

Regulated Facilities

1,717

Child Care Centers

684

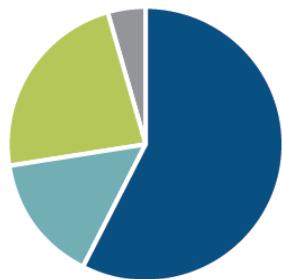
Family Homes

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License-Exempt Programs

131

Group Homes



Afterschool Grant Recipients

177

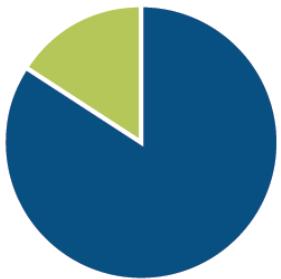
Afterschool Programs

149

21st Century Community Learning Centers

28

School Age Community



Relief Payments to Child Care Providers in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic*

October 1 - December 30, 2021

Paycheck Protection Program

\$7,432,429 paid to 368 providers to reimburse for general operating expenses



Start-Up a New Program

\$4,228,377 awarded to 39 providers to open a new child care program

Expand an Existing Program

\$2,999,847 awarded to 37 providers to expand the current child care program

Enhancements & Upgrades

\$770,269 awarded to 229 providers for repairs and equipment/supplies

Technical & Business Information

\$545,161 awarded to 250 providers to use technology for business operations

Non-Traditional Care

\$509,000 paid to 120 providers who cared for children during evenings & weekends

*For more information on all of the activities planned for the Child Care Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) funds, review Missouri's complete [CRRSA Spend Plan](#).